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1. SUMMARY. RESULTS OF ARMS SEARCHES, PURPORTED UP PLANS TO MOVE AGAINST MILITARY, RECOGNITION BY OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING US, AND FIDEL CASTRO LETTER TO ALLENDE DOMINATE TODAY'S MEDIA. JUNTA ISSUED DECREE-LAW EMPOWERING ITSELF OT APPOINT ALL MAYORS AND CITY

COUNCILMEN THROUGHOUT CHILE. END SUMMARY.

2. CENSORED CHILEAN MEDIA CONTINUE TO STRESS THEMES OF UP/EXTREME LEFT PREPARATIONS FOR MASSACRE OF MILITARY OFFICERS AND OPPOSITION PERSONALITIES ("PLAN Z"), WEAPONS AND SUBVERSIVE DOCUMENTS FOUND DURING CONTINUING ARMS SEARCHES, AND SPONTANEOUS OUTPOURING OF
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CITIZEN CONTRIBUTIONS TO "RECONSTRUCTION" FUND. CONSIDERABLE ATTEN-

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HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO DEATH OF NOBEL PRIZE WINNER PABLO NERUDA AND TO PRAISE OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS.

3. US NOTE ANNOUNCING CONTINUED RELATIONS WITH JUNTA PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED ALONG WITH RECOGNITION BY PANAMA, HAITI, ECUADOR, AND JORDAN. FONMINISTRY HINTED SOUTH KOREAN AND ISRAELI RECOGNITION IS IMMINENT. BY GOC COUNTY, 27 COUNTRIES HAVE NOW RECOGNIZED JUNTA.

4. JUNTA REVEALED PURPORTED LETTER FROM FIDEL CASTRO TO ALLENDE DATED JULY 29 STATING VISIT OF CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ AND MANUEL PINEIRO IN EARLY AUGUST (SANTIAGO 3515) WAS TO REVIEW SITUATION AND COORDINATE CUBAN ASSISTANCE. ACCORDING TO LETTER, CASTRO NOTED ALLENDE'S "DIALOGUE" WITH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WAS A MANEUVER TO BUY TIME. LETTER CONCLUDED THAT CASTRO WAS SURE ALLENDE WOULD DEFEND THE REVOLUTION WITH HIS LIFE, IF NEED BE. JUNTA SPOKESMEN CITED LETTER AS ONE MORE PROOF OF CUBAN INTERVENTION IN CHILE AND ALLEGED THAT CASTRO WAS URGING ALLENDE TO COMMIT SUICIDE IF OVERTHROW APPEARED IMMINENT.

5. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, GOVT INTERVENED COMMUNIST-OWNED "HORIZONTE" PUBLISHING HOUSE WHICH USED TO ISSUE PCCH DAILY EL SIGLO AMONG OTHER PUBLICATIONS. JUNTA ANNOUNCED PROVINCIAL LEVEL COMMITTEES WILL MEET IN NEAR FUTURE TO DECIDE DISPOSITION OF FARMS INTERVENED BY PREVIOUS GOVT. DECREE-LAW 25 DECLARED ALL ELECTED MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMAN POSITIONS VACANT AS OF SEPT 11 AND AUTHORIZED JUNTA TO APPOINT THESE LOCAL OFFICIALS AS THEY SEE FIT. IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW, MINEDUCATION NAVARRO STATED JUNTA WILL APPOINT RECTORS OF SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES (A RETIRED ARMY OFFICER HAS ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED AT STATE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY - UTE) (SEPTTEL). AND THAT ALL CLASSES OF MARXISM WILL BE ABOLISHED.

6. NATIONAL PARTY (PN) ISSUED STATEMENT RELEASING PARTY MEMBERS WHO HOLD GOVT JOBS FROM PARTY OBLIGATIONS. ASKED BY REPORTERS TO COMMENT ON BOOK-BURNING DURING SAN BORJA SEARCH (REFTEL), JUNTA PRESS OFFICER WILLOUGHBY DENIED INTENTION WAS TO SUPPRES IDEAS SINCE "WE REALIZE THAT IDEAS CAN BE COMBATTED ONLY BY OTHER IDEAS." FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED STATEMENT ON REFUGEE SITUATION (SEPTTEL), AND CARDINAL SILVA VISITED DETAINEES AT NATIONAL STADIUM. GOVT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIAL CASUALTY COUNT IS NOW 244 DEAD. INDEPENDENT WEEKLY NEWS-MAGAZINE "QUE PASA" REAPPEARED ON NEWSSTANDS.
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